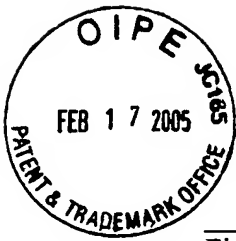


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Appln. No.	: 10/658,656	
Filed	: September 9, 2003	Group Art Unit: 1773
Title	: WATER-REPELLENT SHEET WITH PROTECTIVE FILM, SHEET FOR PREVENTING SNOW ADHESION AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING WATER-REPELLENT BOARD	Examiner: Ramsey E. Zacharia
Docket No.	: 58011US004 (M550.12-0114)	

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Notice dated February 2, 2005 and entitled Failure to Acceptably Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. The original Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was dated December 27, 2004. In the Notice of Failure to Acceptably Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, under the "Amendments to the claims" section, the Examiner checked box A that reads "A complete listing of all the claims is not present" and also checked box C that reads:

Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following 7 status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New) and (Not entered).

Applicants' response to the Notice of Failure to Acceptably Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is provided herein and is believed to adequately address the Notice of Failure to Acceptably Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

To comply with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, please insert the attached pages 2-4 in place of pages 2-4 of the Amendment Applicants filed on December 8, 2004 in reply to the Office Action dated September 7, 2004. The only

changes included in the substitute pages 2-4 to be inserted are (A) changing the status notation "(Amended)" to read "(Currently Amended)" for claim 1 on page 2, (B) addition of the status notation "(Original)" on page 2 for claim 2, and (A) changing the status notation "(Amended)" to read "(Currently Amended)" for claim 3 on page 2.

With this Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, claim 4 remains canceled, claims 1 and 3 remain amended, and new claims 5-15 remain added, as indicated in the Amendment filed on December 8, 2004. Upon entry of this Response, claims 1-3 and 5-15 remain in the above-identified application. Claims 1-3 and 5-15 are believed allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and allow claims 1-3 and respectfully request that the Examiner consider and allow new claims 5-15.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' below-named attorney, Philip F. Fox, to discuss any aspect of the election requirement or of the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0982. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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